

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Drug Abuse

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Drug Abuse

3b. GSA Committee No.

810

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

10/31/2005

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

13. Effective Date

08/27/1980

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 1 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 1

Purpose

Review of Intramural Laboratory

Start

11/07/2017

End

- 11/07/2017

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$1,400.00	\$5,000.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$60,524.00	\$61,674.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$4,740.00	\$10,194.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$2,437.00	\$3,519.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$75.00	\$77.00
18d. Total	\$70,176.00	\$82,464.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.30	0.30

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide evaluation and peer review of Institute laboratories and staff scientists in the areas of sociology, psychology, psychiatry, biochemistry, physiology, pharmacology, endocrinology, neurosciences, and related biological and behavioral sciences. During this reporting period the Board evaluated the productivity and performance of senior staff scientists of the Neural Engineering Unit, Behavioral Neuroscience Research Branch; Electrophysiology Section, Cellular Neurobiology Research Branch; and Computational Chemistry Unit, Molecular Targets and Medications Discovery Branch.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board consists of 12 members who are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the specialized fields of sociology, psychology, psychiatry, biochemistry, physiology, pharmacology, endocrinology, neuroscience, and related biological and behavior sciences related to the intramural research activities of the Institute. The advisory role of the Board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the laboratories, assesses the research in progress and evaluates productivity and performance of staff scientists.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Board met once during this reporting period. The Board holds approximately two meetings each year for the peer review of intramural laboratories on a rotating basis as required by the PHS Act. Board evaluated the productivity and performance of senior staff scientists of the Neural Engineering Unit, Behavioral Neuroscience Research Branch; Electrophysiology Section, Cellular Neurobiology Research Branch; and Computational Chemistry Unit, Molecular Targets and Medications Discovery Branch.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established resources.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIDA, was closed for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Institute, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. This committee did not produce any reports during this reporting period. The DFO and Committee Decision Maker positions are held by the same individual based on assigned duties within the IC. This committee does not have a dedicated website. Dr. Patricia Janak resigned from this board during FY18.

Designated Federal Officer

JOSHUA KYIAK PROGRAM SPECIALIST, IRP, NIDA

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
BENVENISTE, HELENE	01/19/2016	06/30/2018	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
BOOTH, RAYMOND	09/30/2016	06/30/2018	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
CHAVKIN, CHARLES	01/19/2016	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DE BIASI, MARIELLA	11/29/2017	06/30/2021	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
JANAK, PATRICIA	03/30/2016	06/30/2018	BLOOMBERG DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MARINELLI, MICHELA	02/02/2016	06/30/2019	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MARTINEZ, DIANA	09/30/2016	06/30/2020	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL PSYCHIATRY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MOORE, CHRISTOPHER	09/16/2016	06/30/2020	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
PIERCE, ROBERT	02/02/2016	06/30/2020	PROFESSOR OF NEUROSCIENCE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
ZUBIETA, JON-KAR	09/30/2016	06/30/2018	PHIL F. JENKINS ENDOWED PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 10

Narrative Description

The mission of the Board is to assess the quality of the Institute intramural research

programs and evaluate the productivity and performance of staff scientists. Following each review, a written report from the Board is forwarded, with a response from the Scientific Director, NIDA, Intramural Research Program to the Deputy Director, Intramural Research, NIH. The Board's recommendations are communicated to the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse. The Board continues to provide indispensable evaluation and advisory functions in the management of science in the intramural research programs. During this reporting period the Board evaluated the productivity and performance of senior staff scientists of the Neural Engineering Unit, Behavioral Neuroscience Research Branch; Electrophysiology Section, Cellular Neurobiology Research Branch; and Computational Chemistry Unit, Molecular Targets and Medications Discovery Branch.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

86

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee makes recommendations based on the strengths and weaknesses of each scientist's research program, including space and resource allocations, and reviews the scientist's mentoring record.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to

implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The NIDA Scientific Director provides written feedback to the committee regarding actions taken based on the committee's recommendations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the BSC in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. No changes were made to existing laboratory research priorities or resources.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Contact the National Institute on Drug Abuse Committee Management Office.